

Neighborhood Plan Update Phase II Workshop with Members of the Somali Community

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Part I: Places and Connections

Exercise to discuss gaps and opportunities for improving pedestrian, bike and transit connectivity. (Where do you live/work/shop and mode of travel)

- Eighty percent of the people will be walking to the train and buses include in the plan pedestrian safety.
- We suggest including light mini buses to shuttle people from the train to their residences.
- Include in the plan two buildings on both sides of the street exclusively for business with Sky Bridge.

Part II: Building a Great Town Center

Exercise to explore relationships between number of households, retail destinations, parks and walkability. (Creating a town center, housing density, building heights, etc)

- Include in the plan green areas near the buildings.
- We propose to the city leaders to construct buildings along the train station buildings not taller than 6 to 8 floors.

Part III: Emerging Priorities and Opportunities

Capturing new ideas or major concepts (new themes and remaining issues)

- Include in the plan gym and swimming pool for separate gender access.
- We request Winco grocery outlet in place of the Safeway because of its competitive lower prices.
- Include in the plan a large grocery store like Safeway in the first level of residential buildings and underground parking area.
- For safety reason increase the noise level of the train as it approaches neighborhoods including bright lights
- Include in the plan near Othello Station more green area with benches for people to rest.
- Rent control for the small business owners so that we can continue to buy ethnic foods and provide employment for our community with the Sound Transit considering the ratio of the Somali population in the area.
- Improve walking pedestrian safety along the road.
- For safety reason increase the noise level of the train as it approaches neighborhoods including bright lights